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Right Man to Tell.

A colored man applied for employment as laborer in the new tunnel being constructed under compressed air for the Boston subway. After having answered the usual questions as to age, residence, etc., he was asked, "In case of accident, whom do you want notified?" "Hub—what's dat, boss?" "In case of accident, whom do you want notified?" "Why, boss, you jes' notify me—me, yo' understand. If der's any accident, I want to get out of dere."—Engineering and Contracting.

Evidently Knew Them Both.

The bishop took a personal interest in all his servants, and, happening to pass the new maid, on his way through the back hall to the stables one day, he stopped to speak to her. "Well, child," he said, "and where are you?" "If you please, my lord," the maid replied, with a curtsy, "between the cook and the housemaid." "Heaven help you!" said the bishop, after a moment's thought, and went on his way.

Musk Radioactive.

It has been recently determined that the penetrating quality of musk is due to certain radioactive properties which it possesses that cause odor of the perfume to be carried through the air in an extraordinary way, says the Indianapolis News. The radioactive property of musk affects strangely the natives who carry it to market. If a package of musk is held close to the body for any length of time it produces sores that are similar in character to those caused by pure radium.

Useful Pet.

A soldier was grumbling about the scorpions, rattlers, and tarantulas that helped to enliven duty on the Mexican border, when a boy from Kansas ventured to say: "In Kansas my dad keeps a rattlesnake in the house as a pet. One time, he said, a burglar broke into the house, and that rattler coiled himself around the burglar and rattled out the window for a policeman."

CHATS WITH NEWS READERS

BY CRAWDAD.

The News representative made a dash for the country the latter part of last week and noticed a marked improvement in the rural districts in the way of making ready for the spring crops. Most of the ground has been fall and winter plowed which gives the farmer a decided advantage with his spring work and further, the early and winter plowing makes the land more productive and destroys many insects which prey upon the crops.

We find also that the farmer is not wanting in civic pride, which has been supposed, belongs only to the city dads, who devote much time and money in beautifying their homes. The farmer now has a love for beautiful homes and well kept lawns and all that goes to make a home neat, cozy and attractive. The tall hedge fences are being cut and a general view can now be had of the surrounding country, which before was hid by the tall, brushy and unsightly hedge fences with which the country abounded. The change looks good and denotes thrift and a progressive spirit.

A hard fight will be waged by all farmers to raise a good crop the coming season and restore normal conditions and do away with the too prevalent and too much practiced idea, keeping the smoke house and corn crib in town. The farmers all tell us that the coming crop will be made under adverse conditions on account of the high price and the scarcity of feed. Rigid economy will be the watchword and more intensified farming will go on—less acreage and more cultivation.

When the farmer invites the city folk out for a visit he places at his disposal the best he has and bids him welcome. He also believes that when the city dads invite the farmer to town, they should be accorded the same treatment—for the farmer likes to visit a town where he can find good accommodations and be permitted to walk upon nice, clean streets and view beautiful buildings and meet with a big hearted and big souled people. Baxter was the talk of all we meet and the general opinion of all went to show that Baxter Springs is and will be the coming city of southeast Kansas.

The following persons were interviewed at their homes on Route 4 last Friday and Saturday:

The first one was Humphrey Enyart at his farm home southeast of Baxter on the Kansas-Oklahoma line. Mr. Enyart is one of our progressive farmers and stockmen. He has rented his farm to C. W. Karr for the coming season and Mr. Enyart will give his attention to other matters. The Enyart is a welcome visitor of The News.

The next one we met was John W. Weekly, ves comical John, and here we found that The News made regular visits but Mr. Weekly told us to keep The News coming as he wanted to keep in touch with the growth and prosperity of a good town—Baxter Springs.

Andy Louderback was our next man. Here we at all times find a cordial welcome from the old war veteran, who is still active and hale despite his many winters and privations in life. Before we left he told us to write a receipt for the proper amount of coin to insure The News to visit the Louderback home on Route 4 for 52 weeks. We did so and extend to him our many thanks.

June Thompson bid us welcome into his home and it being the noon hour we had an invitation to hold a combination with the dinner table which was laden with many good things to eat and to which job we did credit. Here we found The News

to be regularly read by the Thompson family. We will get the rural news from Lick Prairie in the future.

A visit to the Elgin school house in the evening we found the county assessor of Ottawa county listing the property of the patrons of school district No. 1, and we listed as readers of The News, A. Button, E. E. Saulsbury and A. J. Goodman.

Learning of our presence in the neighborhood, F. L. Ray, called us over the phone and told us to be sure and send The Baxter News to his address on Route 4, which command we readily obeyed. Mr. Ray is the Justice of the Peace for Peoria Township and has been for some time, which position he has filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people.

Harry Crawfish, an aliottee of the Quappaws, was the next one and he now has the pleasure of living in one of the most commodious and best homes to be found in this section. Everything about the premises is modern and the Crawfish home has the appearance of beauty. The News is a welcome visitor at this home.

We came up against Joe Martin, the Sweet Potato Joe, and the man who has and raises the Bug Ducks. These ducks are trained to take a potato row and not leave a single bug. Now back to the the potato part of our story. Joe has the name of raising cooked and mashed potatoes right from the vine, a great saving to the culinary department. For particulars, call on Joe on Lick Prairie or at this office. The News goes to Joe.

F. Q. Goodeagle who lives in Devil's Hollow has a fine home, a house with 17 rooms and one of the best arranged farm houses we have seen for some time. Mr. Goodeagle is a prominent Quappaw Indian and is one of our best and most enterprising citizens. He owns much property in Baxter and he told us he would do a lot of building in Baxter this spring. The News goes to the Goodeagle home, Baxter Route 4.

E. E. Saulsbury, the bachelor, of Five Mile and who bids fair to hold the title in fee simple to the end of his life, has moved closer to town and will farm the Hodgson land the coming year. He will read of Baxter in the best paper yet, The Baxter News.

Then there is C. C. Waid, Windy Waid, one who needs no comment or introduction to the public. The writer worked hard for twelve years to be the monumental liar of Five Mile, and Windy came in and in less than six months robbed us of all our glory. Mr. Waid and wife have a good home on the Five Mile and is a good farmer, not so good at farming as talking, but he wanted The News to go to him to keep pace with the growing town of Baxter.

A. C. Hutchins of Quaker Valley and Galena Route 1, was a business caller in our city Saturday and while here did not forget to interview a number of our enterprising business men who have, waded to success through printer's ink, knee deep. Al loves to visit a good town and that is the reason he comes to Baxter.

L. C. Wellman of Galena, Route 1, was a business visitor here Saturday and was much surprised at the rapid growth of the city.

Joe Darnell of Route 1, was a visitor Saturday and said that the ground was getting "awful" dry out his way. Now the word "awful" was not the adjective "Joe used, but he managed to find and use one conveying the proper idea. Mr. Darnell says that unless rain comes soon the wheat crop will be injured to a great extent and our biscuits be

"raised" too high another year. Mari Hibbard of near Lowell was a business caller at this office on Saturday and said that The News was ever a welcome visitor at his home.

Millard Poteet, of Crawfish Prairie was in town Saturday on business. We received an invitation to visit on the prairie and the impression was left on our mind that The News would, in the near future be called to the Poteet home to post the family upon what is taking place in Baxter. Baxter is now the town where the ruralite can buy flour, feed, dry goods, ven anything sold in a first class town and at competing prices.

Mr. R. C. Stone, of our city was in the office Saturday and informed us that he had purchased of Mr. Giles 10 acres south of the Omaha addition to Baxter Springs. He will build and improve the land at once which will be another feature to help the good appearance of our fast growing city. The land can be found on South Military street, a very desirable location for a home.

Col. Gregg of Joplin, who owns quite a farm on the east side of Spring river, is having a lot of drilling on the farm with the view of finding ore in paying quantities. The report is current that ore has been encountered and a thorough test will be made of the land.

POINTS THE WAY

The Statement of This Chanute Resident Will Interest Our Readers

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